

# TACKLE PERSECUTION AT THE 2022 WORLD CUP



## PRAY WHEN THEY PLAY

The 2022 World Cup in Qatar features seven countries that are on the current Open Doors World Watch List – a ranking of countries where Christians face persecution for their love of Jesus. We've marked these countries on this wall chart so you can 'pray when they play'. Use the prayer points below during games and when filling in scores to help tackle persecution during the World Cup!

### GROUP A

QATAR	ECUADOR	SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 7PM
SENEGAL	NETHERLANDS	MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 4PM
QATAR	SENEGAL	FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 1PM
NETHERLANDS	ECUADOR	FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 4PM
NETHERLANDS	QATAR	TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 3PM
ECUADOR	SENEGAL	TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 3PM

### GROUP B

ENGLAND	IRAN	MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 1PM
UNITED STATES	WALES	MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 7PM
WALES	IRAN	FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 10AM
ENGLAND	UNITED STATES	FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 7PM
WALES	ENGLAND	TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 7PM
IRAN	USA	TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 7PM

### GROUP C

ARGENTINA	SAUDI ARABIA	TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER, 10AM
MEXICO	POLAND	TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER, 4PM
POLAND	SAUDI ARABIA	SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 1PM
ARGENTINA	MEXICO	SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 7PM
POLAND	ARGENTINA	WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 7PM
SAUDI ARABIA	MEXICO	WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 7PM

### GROUP D

DENMARK	TUNISIA	TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER, 1PM
FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER, 7PM
TUNISIA	AUSTRALIA	SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 10AM
FRANCE	DENMARK	SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 4PM
TUNISIA	FRANCE	WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 3PM
AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 3PM

### GROUP E

GERMANY	JAPAN	WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER, 1PM
SPAIN	COSTA RICA	WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER, 4PM
JAPAN	COSTA RICA	SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 10AM
SPAIN	GERMANY	SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 7PM
COSTA RICA	GERMANY	THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, 7PM
JAPAN	SPAIN	THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, 7PM

### GROUP F

MOROCCO	CROATIA	WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER, 10AM
BELGIUM	CANADA	WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER, 7PM
BELGIUM	MOROCCO	SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 1PM
CROATIA	CANADA	SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 4PM
CROATIA	BELGIUM	THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, 3PM
CANADA	MOROCCO	THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, 3PM

### GROUP G

SWITZERLAND	CAMEROON	THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 10AM
BRAZIL	SERBIA	THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 7PM
CAMEROON	SERBIA	MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER, 10AM
BRAZIL	SWITZERLAND	MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER, 4PM
SERBIA	SWITZERLAND	FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER, 7PM
CAMEROON	BRAZIL	FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER, 7PM

### GROUP H

URUGUAY	SOUTH KOREA	THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 1PM
PORTUGAL	GHANA	THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 4PM
SOUTH KOREA	GHANA	MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER, 1PM
PORTUGAL	URUGUAY	MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER, 7PM
SOUTH KOREA	PORTUGAL	FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER, 3PM
GHANA	URUGUAY	FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER, 3PM

### ROUND OF SIXTEEN: MATCH ONE

WINNER OF GROUP A	V	
RUNNER-UP OF GROUP B		

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER, 3PM

### ROUND OF SIXTEEN: MATCH TWO

WINNER OF GROUP C	V	
RUNNER-UP OF GROUP D		

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER, 7PM

### ROUND OF SIXTEEN: MATCH THREE

WINNER OF GROUP D	V	
RUNNER-UP OF GROUP C		

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER, 3PM

### ROUND OF SIXTEEN: MATCH FOUR

WINNER OF GROUP B	V	
RUNNER-UP OF GROUP A		

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER, 7PM

### QUARTER-FINAL ONE

WINNER OF MATCH ONE	V	
WINNER OF MATCH TWO		

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER, 7PM

### GOLDEN BOOT WINNER

NAME OF TOP GOALSCORER	
NAME OF BEST GOALKEEPER	

### GOLDEN GLOVE WINNER

WINNER OF MATCH THREE	V	
WINNER OF MATCH FOUR		

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER, 7PM

### QUARTER-FINAL THREE

WINNER OF Q/F THREE	V	
WINNER OF Q/F FOUR		

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER, 7PM

### SEMI-FINAL ONE

WINNER OF MATCH FIVE	V	
WINNER OF MATCH SIX		

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER, 3PM

### WORLD CUP FINAL

WINNER OF S/F ONE	V	
WINNER OF S/F TWO		

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER, 3PM

### SEMI-FINAL TWO

WINNER OF MATCH SEVEN	V	
WINNER OF MATCH EIGHT		

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER, 3PM

### QUARTER-FINAL TWO

WINNER OF MATCH FIVE	V	
WINNER OF MATCH SIX		

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER, 3PM

### THIRD / FOURTH PLACE PLAY OFF

LOSER OF S/F ONE	V	
LOSER OF S/F TWO		

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER, 3PM

### QUARTER-FINAL FOUR

WINNER OF MATCH SEVEN	V	
WINNER OF MATCH EIGHT		

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER, 3PM

### ROUND OF SIXTEEN: MATCH FIVE

WINNER OF GROUP E	V	
RUNNER-UP OF GROUP F		

MONDAY 5 DECEMBER, 3PM

### ROUND OF SIXTEEN: MATCH SIX

WINNER OF GROUP G	V	
RUNNER-UP OF GROUP H		

MONDAY 5 DECEMBER, 7PM

### ROUND OF SIXTEEN: MATCH SEVEN

WINNER OF GROUP F	V	
RUNNER-UP OF GROUP E		

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER, 3PM

### ROUND OF SIXTEEN: MATCH EIGHT

WINNER OF GROUP H	V	
RUNNER-UP OF GROUP G		

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER, 7PM

**9 IRAN**  
Teaching the Bible, telling others about Christianity or praying to Jesus could lead to being arrested in Iran. More people are rejecting Islam and choosing to follow Jesus, but there are dangers: authorities raid house churches and many leaders have been sent to prison.

**PRAY THAT...**

- Christians in Iran will have wisdom and boldness as they seek to share their faith with others.

**11 SAUDI ARABIA**  
Saudi Arabia is a deeply Muslim country and laws state that leaving Islam carries the death penalty. Although courts have not carried this out in recent years, the very small number who do choose Jesus tend to keep their Christian faith hidden.

**PRAY THAT...**

- Secret Christians will know God's peace and find ways to meet and grow in their faith. Pray for boldness in sharing about Jesus.

**18 QATAR**  
The only churches allowed in Qatar are for foreigners. The small number of Qatari Christians are not allowed to go to those services or have their own church buildings. Most converts will keep their Christian faith a complete secret, as Qatar doesn't officially recognise conversion from Islam.

**PRAY THAT...**

- God will use the World Cup to prompt the authorities to allow Qatari believers greater freedoms.

**27 MOROCCO**  
Those in Morocco who convert to Christianity from a Muslim background must keep their faith a secret. Nadeen\* converted from Islam and she couldn't help but tell her family – but they were furious. Her father beat her. Nadeen must now pretend that she's still a Muslim.

**PRAY THAT...**

- Secret Christians in Morocco, like Nadeen, will be equipped to express and share their faith.

**35 TUNISIA**  
The risks involved in converting from Islam to Christianity in Tunisia are huge. Women can face forced marriage and house arrest, while the dangers facing men include physical attack, death threats and social isolation.

**PRAY THAT...**

- Christians at risk of persecution in Tunisia will be guarded from harm, strengthened in faith and empowered to share God's love with those they meet.

**43 MEXICO**  
In Mexico, criminal groups control large parts of the country, and Christians who speak out against their corruption and violence are targeted. Then there are those who leave indigenous tribal religions to follow Jesus – they are often excluded and forced out of their communities.

**PRAY THAT...**

- Christian converts and those being targeted by gangs will know God's protection, love and courage.

**44 CAMEROON**  
There has been a civil war going on in Cameroon since 2017 which has preoccupied the government, meaning there is less security in the north of the country where the extremist Islamic group Boko Haram is active. This is making Christians in the region more vulnerable to violent attack.

**PRAY THAT**

- That the government in Cameroon will be stirred and equipped to counter the threat of extremists.